



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 21-1548, **Agenda Item #:** 24.

5/6/2021

### **Posting Language**

Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Wesco Distribution, Inc., d/b/a Hi-Line Utility Supply Co., L.L.C., aka Power Supply, for substation capacitor banks, for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,700,000.

(Note: Sole source contracts are exempt from the City Code Chapter 2-9D Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$225,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

Sole Source.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

April 19, 2021 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Hadden and Reed off the dais and Commissioners Tuttle and Wray absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide Austin Energy with ABB capacitor banks to be used in Austin Energy's substations. Capacitor banks improve voltage stability and reduce network losses, while improving power transmission capability and control. The capacitor banks control the level of voltage supplied to customers by reducing or eliminating the voltage drop and are installed at various substations through the Austin Energy transmission system.

This contractor is the only authorized distributor of the ABB capacitor banks utilized by Austin Energy.

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

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